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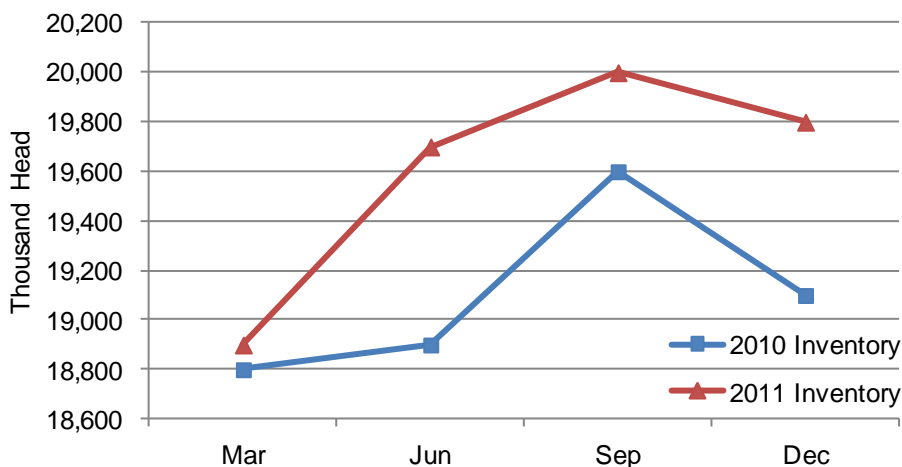
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Iowa inventory of all hogs & pigs on December 1 was 19.8 million, according to the *Quarterly Hogs and Pigs* report released by USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service. This was down 1 percent from the 20.0 million in September 2011, but up 700,000 head from December 2010.

The September-November 2011 pig crop was 4.99 million head. A total of 480,000 sows farrowed with an average litter size of 10.4 pigs per sow.

As of December 1, producers planned to farrow 475,000 head of sows and gilts in the December 2011 – February 2012 quarter. Farrowing intentions for the March - May 2012 period were estimated at 480,000 as of December 1, 2011.

Iowa Quarterly Hog Inventory



Hogs and Pigs: Breeding, Market, and Total Inventory By Selected States and United States, December 1, 2010-2011

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding.]

State	Breeding			Market			Total		
	2010	2011	'11 as % of '10	2010	2011	'11 as % of '10	2010	2011	'11 as % of '10
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Percent)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Percent)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Percent)
Illinois	480	480	100	3,920	4,120	105	4,400	4,600	105
Iowa	1,020	1,010	99	18,080	18,790	104	19,100	19,800	104
Minnesota	560	560	100	7,140	7,240	101	7,700	7,800	101
Missouri	355	355	100	2,545	2,395	94	2,900	2,750	95
Nebraska	375	385	103	2,775	2,765	100	3,150	3,150	100
North Carolina	840	850	101	8,160	7,950	97	9,000	8,800	98
United States	5,778	5,803	100	59,147	60,128	102	64,925	65,931	102

Market Hogs and Pigs: Inventory Number by Weight Group, Selected States, and United States, December 1, 2010-2011

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding.]

State	Under 50 lbs.		50-119 lbs.		120-179 lbs.		180 lbs. and over	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)
Illinois	1,280	1,270	1,180	1,350	730	750	730	750
Iowa	4,600	5,000	5,600	5,850	4,330	4,540	3,550	3,400
Minnesota	2,430	2,450	2,160	2,180	1,380	1,440	1,170	1,170
Missouri	1,065	980	605	560	410	415	465	440
Nebraska	910	880	830	820	595	595	440	470
North Carolina	2,950	3,000	1,970	1,920	1,660	1,560	1,580	1,470
United States	18,864	19,271	16,519	16,895	12,233	12,472	11,531	11,490

United States Hog Inventory up 2 Percent

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2011 was 65.9 million head. This was up 2 percent from December 1, 2010, but down 1 percent from September 1, 2011.

Breeding inventory, at 5.80 million head, was up slightly from last year, but down slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 60.1 million head, was up 2 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from last quarter.

The September-November 2011 pig crop, at 29.0 million head, was up 2 percent from 2010. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.89 million head, up slightly from 2010. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 10.02 for the September-November period, compared to 9.89 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.40 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.10 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

United States hog producers intend to have 2.87 million sows farrow during the December 2011-February 2012 quarter, up 1 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2011, but down slightly from 2010. Intended farrowings for March-May 2012, at 2.89 million sows, are down 1 percent from 2011, and down 1 percent from 2010.

The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 45 percent of the total United States hog inventory, unchanged from last year.

Quarterly Hogs and Pigs Inventory – United States: December 1

